

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT
CONFIRMATION HEARING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2018
6:00P.M.**

1. OPENING

1.1.1 Call to Order

Councilmember President Yeargin called the meeting to order at 6:12p.m.

1.1.2 Roll Call

Present: Mayor Eugene Grant, Councilmember Charl Jones (ABSENT), Councilmember Hope Love, Councilmember Lamar Maxwell (ABSENT), Councilmember Shireka McCarthy (ABSENT), Councilmember Kelly Porter, Councilmember Gloria Sistrunk, Councilmember Reveral Yeargin

Staff: Robert Ashton, Financial Advisor, Weyimi Ayu, Director of Economic Development, Sharron Lipford, Director of Public Engagement, Dashaun N. Lanham, City Clerk, Devan Martin, Chief of Police, Diamond Plater, Council Clerk, Jeannelle Wallace, City Administrator

2. PRESENTATION

2.1.1. Eugene W. Grant, Mayor

- Mayor Grant stated that he presents to the City Council some qualified individuals to management position. He's hoping for a favorable vote from the City Council. We have had the opportunity to have the individuals serve in the position for some time. He had the pleasuring in knowing Dominique J. Brown all his life. He was a member of the Mayor's Youth organization. He was raised in Seat Pleasant, and served this country honorably and familiar with combat. We are fortunate that he is alive, he has two brothers that served in the military and all three of them were wounded in battle in defense of our country. When you speak of an individual that is honorable, worthy and serve in the capacity, as he is dedicated and in another capacity to serve as the Director of Public Works. He has done an outstanding job in the position as Acting Director of Public Works. We haven't had a great person since Mr. Ab to do a great job as the director of public works.

- Mayor Grant stated that he normally knows the candidates or staff that he appoints for the position. He stated that he's a very energetic person, but when he spoke with Mr. Williams he responded with a dry tone, but he stated that he was interested in the position. He informed Mr. Ashton of the candidate and he stated that he would interview him and train him. He was one of the best employees that the City hired with integrity. He and another individual cleaned up the finance department and they automated the finance department fully. when the auditor has come in to secure information and the information was supplied to the auditors immediately. He led the process of the transfer with the new bank that the City has deposited their money in. The Council consideration will make him the youngest treasurer in the State of Maryland. As young black man, he is very proud to see a young a black man advance. Mayor Grant stated that it is his pleasure to recommend Adeoye Aganga-Williams as the City Treasurer. Mr. Williams stated that he has worked here for a year and half, and his focus was to automate the department. He stated that the search use to take him about two hours to locate documents. He stated that he had never used Peachtree, and it would log you out. However, NetSuite allows you to stay logged in all-day. The approval process for a Purchase Order has been reduced due to the streamlining.

Mr. Dominique Brown, Acting Director of Public Works

- Mr. Brown stated that he comes before the City Council to confirm him as the Director of Public Works. He has 25 years of experience in Government, he has background in management budget and personnel, problem solving, quality leadership, attention to detail and on-time projects from his team. We are not perfect, but with the support and direction of the Council and his team behind him, they will be perfect. Mr. Harvey stated that Mr. Prue is a strong person and he look forwards to seeing him working with Mayor Grant and the City. He stated that they have served in the city together and he will get the job done.
- Mrs. Wallace stated that Mr. Brown started as the Acting Director of Public Works in October 2017. He has met with the WSSC regarding the water main breaks this winter. He has scheduled meetings with DPIE and continue to ensure the city has all that is needed. He has written a very detailed monthly report, he routinely follows up with assignments without someone asking him. He pays attention to every detail of the duties. She recommends him as the Director of Public Works.

- Mrs. Brown thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to share about her husband Dominique Brown. He's known as the protector, provider and husband and father. She stated that she has been knowing him for 23 years, and while he served in the military they stayed in contact. She stated that he had a difficult time adjusting to civility, but with the love and support of his family he has adjusted well. She recommends him as the Director of Public Works.
- Mr. Vann stated that he has knowing him for a short-time and he has made the job easier, by allowing us to work smarter and not harder. He recommends him as the Director of Public Works.
- Mayor Grant stated that Mr. Brown has implemented stretching to eliminate injuries on the job. Council President Yeargin thanked Mr. Brown for his unselfish acts for his staff during the Christmas Party, and that allows the staff to feel appreciated. Councilmember Porter thanked Mr. Brown for his due diligence in his work and his work ethics. Councilmember Love thanked Mr. Brown for being present during the monthly meetings.
- **Adeoye Aganga-Williams, Acting City Treasurer**
- Mr. Williams stated that he had the pleasure of working with Mr. Ashton and he diligently learning the department. He was hired as the Accounts Payable Specialist in 2016. He worked with the vendor to transition to automate the department. He graduated from Town University in May 2014 with a degree in Accounting.
- Mrs. Wallace stated that it is extraordinary when you work with millennials, as they will teach you how to be tech savvy. He will stay late to ensure that he is satisfied with the work. We had an experience with a former vendor, and the former employee spent time to pull the information for the auditing firm. Mr. Williams had reviewed the documentation that was pulled by the former employee that accumulated to nine binders, that he reviewed every document in detail to ensure the accuracy of the five years of information and eighteen accounts with Verizon. Mr. Williams will not answer a question until he sure of what he is saying. His reports are details, the reports are in real time due to the automation of the department. That's the reason that the Mayor could speak of finance at the State of the City. He makes sure the department is transparent.
- Mr. Ashton stated it is an honor and pleasure to share with Council how Mr. Williams has grown as the City Treasurer. He stated that Mr. Williams first day on the day was to review how the city paid its bill. He digitized the

process. Mr. Williams captured all the cost for the IOC, and he set the ground work for the NetSuite System, and allow us to make the transition smoothly from Peachtree to NetSuite. He is still looking at procedures and making recommendations. Mr. Williams has come up with a more accurate system for capturing revenues, which is essential for BFO Budgeting. Mr. Williams specifically reduced the cost by 75%. Mr. Williams with his wit, zeal and task to making the services, better and faster and more personalized. He stated that it is a great pleasure to recommend Mr. Williams as the City Treasurer.

- Mr. Richard Adeoye Williams, he stated that he doesn't know what to say as there were some great things shared about him. Mr. Williams stated that he is a product of Prince George's County Public and Private school. He was a member of the wrestling team. He has never gotten a complaint or negative comment about his son. He gets compliments about him being respectable, discipline and focus. He has lot of character, honest and diligent, truthful, trust-worthy. His name means a crown of a king, his name is royalty and exemplifies what you expect from a leader. He mentors some of his younger cousin, and he does a lot of work for the community. He prays that God will continue to strengthen him and guide him. He recommends him for the position of City Treasurer.
- Mayor Grant stated that this City has been blessed to have been served as Robert Lenny Ashton as the City Treasurer, who served as the longest Treasurer in Seat Pleasant and the State of Maryland. It is rare for a person to be mentored by his predecessor. This is very admirable. Mr. Williams and I talked last week, as well as Mr. Brown.
- Councilmember Porter stated that he is glad that he stayed, as he had the opportunity to work with Mr. Williams. He stated that they talked. He stated that all the great things being said about him, he feels that the City has another gem.

3. MEETING TOPICS

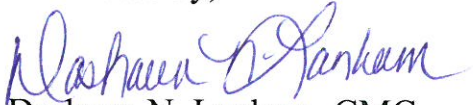
3.1.1. Confirmation of Department Heads

- It was motioned by Councilmember Love and seconded by Councilmember Sistrunk to confirm Dominique Brown as the Director of Public Works. The motion carried and was unanimously approved Mr. Brown as the Public Works Director.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Sistrunk and seconded by Councilmember Love to approve and confirm Adeoye Aganga-Williams as the City Treasurer for the City of Seat Pleasant. The motion carried and was unanimously approved by the City Council.

Adjourn:

The Confirmation hearing adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Submitted by,



Dashaun N. Lanham, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED 03/12/18